

**Marine Safety Information Bulletin 02-02**  
**Port Security Measures and Heightened**  
**Preparedness for Waterfront Facilities**  
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**In the absence of specific local threat information, the Captain of the Port (COTP) Buffalo updates guidance and requirements found in MSIB 01-02.**

This MSIB details recommended security preparedness measures that should continue and provides information regarding Coast Guard enforcement to ensure safety and compliance with established regulations. The authority for these provisions is found in 33 Code of Federal Regulations parts 6 and 154. Facilities will be notified immediately upon identification of a credible threat.

**Heightened Security Measures for Waterfront Facilities**

**Coast Guard-regulated Waterfront Facilities and non-regulated facilities located along the waterfront in the Buffalo COTP zone should continue to maintain enhanced security measures as identified below. These security measures are strongly recommended and the level of incorporation into facility standard practices should be evaluated and implemented as necessary to ensure a heightened level of security. They include:**

1. Waterfront facilities should provide a continuous (24 hr) manned waterfront security presence at all facilities that transfer oil, chemicals, or LHGs. *The COTP encourages all waterfront facilities to increase their private security force and to provide continuous (24 hr) manned security in the vicinity of the waterfront area, regardless of the cargoes handled as applicable to the facility's operations.*
2. The COTP strongly recommends all Waterfront Facilities establish and maintain positive gate control for all shore-side entrances to marine terminals and facility areas by conducting 100% identification checks of all personnel entering the designated Waterfront Facility.
3. Waterfront Facilities should restrict personal and other motorized vehicles from parking within 100 yards of all moored vessels except for attended vehicles or when the owner/operator remains within the immediate vicinity of the vehicle.
4. Waterfront Facilities shall maintain their required security programs that include performing daily checks of perimeter fences, gates, barriers, and lighting as applicable to the facility's operations.
5. Waterfront should review and update their list of those persons who are authorized to access the facility.
6. Facilities should periodically re-evaluate the need for additional physical security resources.
7. Facilities should evaluate the response time of security and law enforcement personnel in the event of an emergency situation.
8. Facilities should review procedures for the identification and admission of company personnel, contractors, visitors, and law enforcement personnel.
9. Facilities should continue to evaluate routes of facility access and egress, effectiveness of remote surveillance systems, and radio and tele-communications. Special consideration should be given to securing access routes from the water.

**Enforcement of Safety & Security Measures for Coast Guard Regulated Waterfront Facilities**

It is the intent of the COTP that all waterfront facilities should continue to focus on their security issues in a serious manner and seek to find opportunities for continuous improvement. COTP is fully aware and appreciative of the fact that many local facilities meet and exceed the minimum standards. USCG will continue to enforce the applicable safety and security regulations as defined in 33 CFR parts 6 and 154. Failure to comply with these regulations may result in direct regulatory enforcement including the issuance of verbal warnings, written letters of warning, and administrative civil penalties in accordance with 33 CFR 6.18.

USCG active duty personnel and uniformed USCG Auxiliarists will continue to perform security checks of regulated Waterfront Facilities. While USCG personnel are authorized to conduct these examinations in accordance with 33 CFR 127.011, operators are authorized, and encouraged, to check the identification of any USCG personnel and accompany them on facility checks.

Questions and reports of prohibited or suspicious activities may be reported to MSO Buffalo at (716) 843-9570 or MSD Massena at (315) 764-3284. If at any time you encounter difficulties in contacting either office to report such an activity, please contact the National Response Center at 1 (800) 424-8802.

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